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Mayor Leclerc Warns All Residents to Make Preparations for Possible Storm

(September 30, 2015) **East Hartford, CT** – With the possibility of a hurricane landing on the East Coast early next week, Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc would like to remind all residents to take proper precautions before and during a storm and reminded all residents of the importance of signing up for the East Hartford Alert Network, an emergency notification system which disseminates information through a more effective means, as well as keeps each individual member of the community safe and secure.

Throughout any storm, Mayor Leclerc will be issuing important messages through the town's East Hartford Alert Network from the Emergency Operations Center, at the Public Safety Complex. Information on town services, emergency shelters and availability of emergency supplies, if needed, will all be disseminated through the Alert Network and it is important that all residents sign up immediately, in order to receive crucial information.

By visiting www.EHalertCT.gov, users are brought to a page where they can sign up, enter in their best contact method, their location, their preferred types of alerts, as well as any special needs the individual may have. Using this system, residents will be able to receive notifications not only pertaining to emergency situations in town and their individual neighborhood, but also receive notifications on any interruptions in town services, notices on upcoming special events, as well as traffic alerts and road closures. When a message is issued about a potential safety hazard or concern, they are received on all standard voice and text communication devices that you have registered, including landline phones, cell phones, e-mail, and more. If you do not confirm receipt of the message, the system will then reach out to your next method of contact.

The system will continue trying to contact you until it receives a confirmation from you, allowing for fail-safes, until the resident has been reached.

In addition, Mayor Marcia A. Leclerc wanted to inform all residents that during any strong storm, preemptive planning is also crucial.

“All of our residents should have at least a 3-day supply of water, which constitutes one gallon per person per day and a 3-day supply of food, medications, a flashlight, a First Aid kit, a cell phone and charger and any crucial supplies needed,” Mayor Leclerc said. “Making proper preparations before a storm ensures the health and safety of family, friends and neighbors.”

According to the American Red Cross, recommended preparations also include filling your car’s gas tank, creating a household evacuation plan, unplugging small appliances and closing all windows and doors.

After a storm, residents are encouraged to stay alert for extended rainfall and subsequent flooding, even after the storm, staying out of any building surrounded by water and to drive only if necessary, avoiding flooded roads and washed out bridges.

For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, please visit [RedCross.org](https://www.RedCross.org).

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